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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Norikazu MIZUNO et al

Serial No: 09/670,917

Confirmation No. 1895

Filed: September 29, 2000

Semiconductor Device Manufacturing For:

> Method and Apparatus for Removing Silicon Nitride Formed in a Reaction

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

> April 25, 2005 Date of Deposit

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to April 25, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$1020 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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